

President Truman

Victory Over Soviet Threat 'Lies In God'

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Funds Sought For Network Broadcast Of Family Rosary

More than \$2,000 monthly is required to maintain the Family Rosary for Peace program on six radio stations in the Diocese of Rochester, the sponsoring committee pointed out this week as it inaugurated its second annual appeal for funds.

With a yearly budget of \$27,500, the committee is con-



Bishop Kearney Endorses Radio Rosary Fund Plea

The Family Rosary for Peace has established itself so firmly in the homes of so many that it would be tragic if it were discontinued after such a successful year. Hence, most heartily do I approve the efforts to keep this prayer on the air waves and to continue to solicit the help of Our Lady on behalf of world peace and the welfare of the Kingdom of God upon earth.

Frank E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

ducting the appeal through the mail to the hundreds of persons who have contributed in the past. No appeal for funds ever is made on the radio program itself.

STARTED AS AN "EXPERIMENT" during Lent of 1950 the radio Rosary recitation rapidly attracted thousands of listeners, whose donations aided the committee to expand the program from one to six stations.

This year the program directors have announced their goal of ten million Rosaries for the conversion of Russia and world peace.

Expenditures for the broadcast include contracts for radio time, the leased wire service used to connect the various stations and advertising and mailing costs. Clerical help is donated by individuals, including a group of young ladies of St. Francis of Assisi parish, Rochester.

CONTRIBUTORS have come from parishes, organizations and individuals ranging from \$1 to \$500. Eighty per cent has come from individuals. The committee reports continuing volumes of mail from appreciative listeners throughout the diocese, and of letters from other areas. Many non-catholic members have responded favorably.

Associate sponsor member ships for the program are listed at \$2, family sponsorships at \$5, and sustaining member ships for individuals or families at \$10. Donations may be made to the Family Rosary for Peace, 401 Orange St., Rochester 11, N. Y.

Currently, the half-hour program is broadcast nightly over stations WYAT, Rochester, and WMBD, Auburn. Joining the stations on Sunday nights are Station WYAT, Geneva, and Station WYHG, Hornell, on Saturday nights. It is picked up by Stations WELM, Elmira, and WCLL, Corning.

The program originates at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, each night except Tuesday, when it originates at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Auburn.

FOUNDER OF the program is the Rev. Joseph A. Conroy, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester.

Serving with Father Conroy one on the sponsoring committee are Frank E. Wolfe, Joseph W. Bern and Frank R. Davis.

Express your sympathy with Flowers, call BA. 9494, Blanchard Florist at 54 Lake Avenue, where you really get best value. Daily deliveries to all sections, including hospitals.—Adv.

Cardinal Raps Crosses Removal

New York (NC)—Removal by the United States Army of small wooden crosses from the graves of 13,000 war dead in the National Cemetery in Honolulu was deplored by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

The action was termed despicable by the Cardinal in a ceremony in which he dedicated a \$100,000 Memorial Building at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx.

If the government cannot supply money for their maintenance, he said, "I am sure that the Catholic people of New York will. And they will be joined by Protestants and Jews as well."

An Army official had stated that removal of the crosses had been prompted by the high cost of maintaining them because of deterioration in Hawaii's climate.

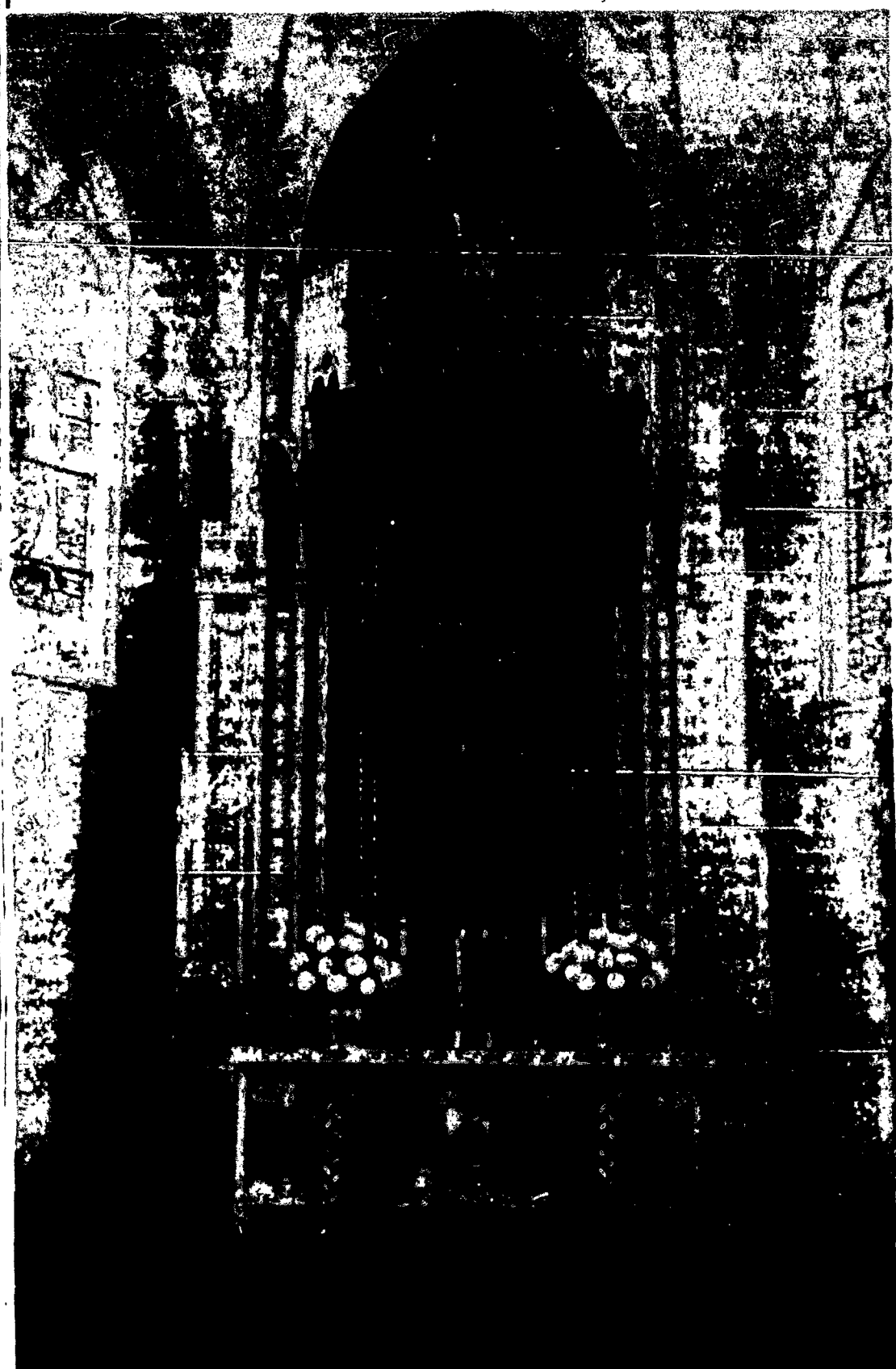
Kiwanians Attend Catholic Mass
Fresno (RNS)—One hundred members of Kiwanis attended a Mass in St. Theresa's Catholic church here. The Rev. Magr. James G. Dowling, pastor of St. Theresa's and diocesan superintendent of schools, was host to the group.

Meeting in the church before the Mass the Kiwanians heard an explanation of the Holy Sacrifice and were provided with Missals. The club members also toured the parish school.

Among the Kiwanians present were the Very Rev. James M. Malloch, Dean of St. James' Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, and Rabbi David L. Greenberg of Temple Beth Israel.

Columbus Day Dispensation
His Excellency Bishop Kearney has granted a dispensation to the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester from the law of abstinence from flesh meats for Friday, Oct. 12, Columbus Day, the Chancery has announced.

Dr. Kettell Memorial



New High Altar in Old St. Mary's

Bp. Kearney To Consecrate New Altar in St. Mary's

A newly erected high altar of imported Italian marble will be consecrated in Old St. Mary's Church, Rochester, next Thursday morning (Oct. 11) as a memorial to the late Rev. George F. Kettell, former pastor who died Oct. 19, 1949.

His Excellency Bishop Kearney will conduct the impressive ceremonial which will begin at 7:30 a. m. Monsignor James J. McAniff, pastor of Old St. Mary's, announced.

TWO NEW side altars of Italian marble also have been erected in the newly renovated church edifice as part of the permanent memorial to his predecessor, Monsignor McAniff, explained.

Dr. Kettell who served as pastor of Old St. Mary's for thirteen years until his death was an Army Chaplain in World War I. He served as New York State Chaplain of the American Legion in 1928 and in 1929 he was named National Chaplain of the Legion. He was the first Catholic priest and first New York State clergyman to hold the national post.

Installed by the Daprato Studios, the new main altar weighing nine tons and based on a special foundation is comprised of various types of marbles.

THE PREDELLA and steps leading to the main altar are in Green Luccato marble with the base of the altar in Chiampio Paglierino Venato marble. The paleo is in Onice Piemontese. The text in the center of the paleo is in Red Alpi marble. The vertical strips in the paleo are black and white marble inlays. The altar table and grating are in Botticino marble inlays.

The richly carved pediment, in red marble, is decorated with the figures of St. Joseph and the Christ Child.

Ex-Czarist Officer Ordained In France

Paris (NC)—In the tiny town of Lons in northern France a former officer of the Czar's army has celebrated his first Mass at the age of 68.

He is Father Kronkowski who, after escaping from a communist concentration camp in Siberia, travelled through China, Japan and the United States and finally settled in Lons. There he remained for 25 years teaching in the town's Catholic school.

During the war his wife was killed and his home destroyed by shelling and in 1943, at the age of 60, he began his studies for the priesthood.

University Reports Record Enrollment

Tokyo (NC)—Enrollment in the International Division of the Catholic University of Tokyo, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, totals 556, including 325 civilians, 146 members of the U. S. Air Force and 85 U. S. Army personnel.

The enrollment has reached the highest figure since the division was established two years ago. The curriculum is based on the American system of education and includes 35 courses. Army personnel are able to benefit by these courses according to the GI Bill of Rights.

Holy Father Prays For King's Recovery

Vatican City (NC)—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent a message to Queen Elizabeth of Britain expressing "lively concern" over the condition of her husband, King George, voicing best wishes and promising prayer for his recovery.

Truman Calls For Christian Front Against Red Peril; Deplores Religious Cleavage

Washington (NC)—During a speech in which he reaffirmed America's religious heritage, President Truman declared here that in the struggle against Soviet Communism the world's "greatest hope of victory lies in the God we acknowledge as the ruler of all."

The President urged world spiritual leaders to create a common front "to preserve a world civilization in which man's belief in God can survive despite the Red onslaught."

President Truman Raises A Problem

By REV. PATRICK J. FINNY
The President of the United States has laid before the basic weakness of our modern world, namely, the tragic cleavage within the ranks of those who call themselves Christians.

Addressing a group of Protestant Churchmen last week in Washington, Mr. Truman declared that our "hope of victory" against Soviet aggression "lies in the God we acknowledge as the ruler of all."

ACCORDINGLY, the President revealed that for some time he has been trying "to bring a number of the great religious leaders of the world together in a common affirmation of faith and a common supplication to the one God that all profess. I have asked them," he explained, "to join in one common act which will affirm those religious and moral principles on which all agree."

So far, Mr. Truman's efforts to bring religious leaders together "in a common affirmation of faith" have not been successful. "Even the Christian churches," complains President Truman, "have not yet found themselves able to say, with one voice, that Christ is their Master and Redeemer and the source of their strength against the hosts of irreligion and the danger of world catastrophe."

Mr. Truman's problem with the churches is rooted in the historical fact of the Reformation, which fractured the historic unity of the Christian world and created the unhappy division we have today of the Catholic Church on the one hand and the numerous Protestant sects on the other.

Catholics, who are mindful of Christ's earnest prayer that his followers "all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee" (John xvii. 21), are painfully conscious of the scandalous faction and conflict that has divided Christian civilization since the Reformation.

Roman Pontiffs and Catholic scholars, therefore, have never ceased to pray and probe for opportunities and means of effecting a return of all dissidents to the unity of their Father's House which they have abandoned.

EXCEPT FOR A MIRACLE of God's providence, we see no prospect at the present time of any reunion of Christian peoples within One Fold and under One Shepherd. The cleavages stemming from the Reformation have grown deeper and wider in the Christian world.

Hitler, it has been said, was able to bring the world to the brink of disaster only because Europe had lost the Christian faith.

Genesee Valley Trappists Lose Member In Death

A small, white cross was erected on a hilltop along the Genesee River last week as death wrote an early chapter in the history of the Trappist monks in Rochester Diocese.

Final rites were held Thursday, Sept. 27, at the new Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery in Pittsford for Frater M. Dennis Mayer, 27, of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.

FRATER DENNIS, who had come to the monastery in August from the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in Kentucky, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1951, at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

During the four days prior to his death, at the request of Frater Dennis, the Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in his hospital room—the first time such an event occurred in the hospital's history.

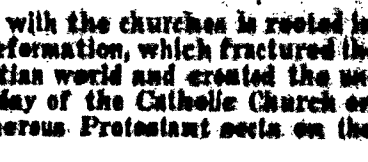
The youthful monk, who had been supervising construction of buildings on the 1400-acre river site, was buried in a temporary grave a few yards from the buildings, from which the body will be removed when the permanent monastery and cemetery are established a quarter-mile away.

LAST SATURDAY 15 volunteer workers stilled the noise of hammer and saw to pray the Rosary before the dirt-heaped grave of their friend, with whom two weeks earlier they had been working with steel, molar and wood.

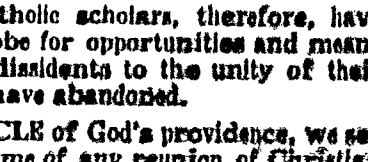
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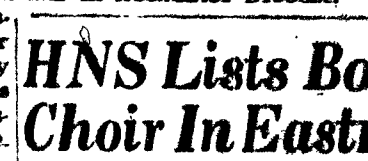
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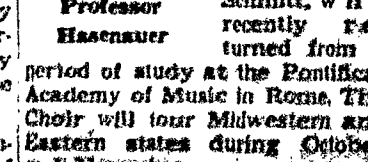
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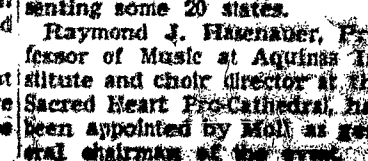
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Mr. Truman called for a common affirmation of faith and a common supplication to the one God that all profess on the part of religious leaders. He did not specify what form this affirmation should take.

"In our present state our greatest source of strength, our greatest hope of victory, lies in the God we acknowledge as the ruler of all," the President said. He declared that our "hope of victory" against Soviet aggression "lies in the God we acknowledge as the ruler of all."

"For some time" he has been trying to get religious leaders to join in one common act which will affirm those religious and moral principles on which all agree," President Truman revealed. He voiced the hope that such an act would not only strengthen the free world to resist Soviet Communism but at the same time avoid a new war which might " plunge mankind back into barbarism."

Catholics recalled that the Vatican Pope Pius XII has made repeated appeals since the end of World War II for Christian unity against the menace of Communism. Only a few weeks ago, on September 8, the Pope issued such an appeal in his "Mystical Letter on the 10th anniversary of the Council of Vatican, when he wrote:

"There is another reason which urgently demands that the Christian forces immediately close ranks and fight under the one and only standard of Christ against the fierce attacks of the enemy from hell."

"Who is not horrified at the hatred and ferocity with which the Catholics in many parts of the world threaten to stamp out or uproot whatever is divine and Christian?"

"Against this united front, those who are signed with the sacred mark of Baptism and in duty bound to fight the good fight for Christ, cannot any longer remain divided and alienated."

THE PRESIDENT's appeal for religious unity in a crusade for peace was made during an address to the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen at the National City Christian Church. Mr. Truman regretted that he so far had been unable to get religious leaders to agree to act.

"I am sorry to say that it has not yet been possible to bring the religious faith together for this purpose of bringing witness that God is the way of truth and peace," he said.

"Given the Christian churches have not yet found themselves able to say, with one voice, that Christ is their Master and Redeemer and the source of their strength against the hosts of irreligion and the danger of world catastrophe."

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HNS Lists Boys Town Choir In Eastman, Oct. 28

Father Flanagan's Boys Town Choir will appear at the Eastman Theatre in Rochester on October 28 under the sponsorship of the Civic Music Association and the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

The announcement was made by Martin Q. Moll, Diocesan Holy Name President.

The Boys Town Choir, making its fifth annual tour, is under the distinguished direction of the Reverend Francis P. Schmitt, who recently returned from a period of study at the Pontifical Academy of Music in Rome. The choir will tour Midwestern and Eastern states during October and November.

THE BOYS TOWN Choir is composed of boys ranging in age from 11 to 18, representing some 20 states. Raymond J. Hazenauer, Professor of Music at Aquinas Institute and choir director at the Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, has been appointed by Moll as general chairman of the tour.

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